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CHC 2D8 LETTER FROM THE TRENCHES ASSIGNMENT

It is August, 1915 and World War I has been waging for a full year. You are a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and have been stationed in Belgium for the past 6 months. You have been living in the trenches while fighting the Great War. You dearly miss your family at home and want to write them a letter describing your experiences in the war.

Before writing, you must decide whether you are a combat soldier or an ambulance driver. You can choose to write to your sibling, parent, or spouse. Remember that the language you use should accurately reflect your relationship with this person. Also, remember to include the following aspects of a letter:

- Date (historically accurate!)
- Salutation (Dear mom/dad/husband/wife/sister/friend/brother etc.)
- Discuss:
 - Your successes/failures in the war
 - Your living conditions
 - How much you miss your family
 - When you hope to be home
- Sign your letter
- Make sure your letter is historically accurate!

Remember the following:

- Tell me details! The more detailed your work is the better it will be.
- Make sure your details are historically accurate.
- Writing might be easier if you put yourself in a specific battle. Read about some battles in your textbook on pages 14-18.
- Write in the present tense. You are taking on the role of a soldier in the trench.
- Your work should be $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 page in length, typed, single spaced.
- Use 12-point font. You may be creative with the font style as long as it is this size.
- Your submission may be creatively presented. You might want to make your page look old by staining it with tea, or cutting the edges to make it appear burnt. This is not a requirement, but can add authenticity to your work.

You will be evaluated based on the criteria in the attached rubric. Remember that your teacher is available to answer any questions and help you with writing well before the due date. You will have one period in the computer lab to work on this assignment in class.

This assignment is due at the start of class on _____.
Remember to hand in your rubric with your completed assignment!

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Criteria	Level R (0-4 Marks)	Level 1 (5 Marks)	Level 2 (6 Marks)	Level 3 (7 Marks)	Level 4 (8-10 Marks)
Letter contains accurate and detailed information about life in the trenches	Letter is not submitted, is submitted but is incomplete, or does not contain enough details about life in the trenches. Information is vague, inaccurate, and irrelevant.	Letter does not contain many interesting and relevant details about life in the trenches. Information is vague and sometimes inaccurate, and may not be important	Letter contains a few interesting and sometimes relevant details about life in the trenches that are usually accurate, but may not always be important	Letter contains some interesting and relevant details about life in the trenches that are accurate and somewhat important	Letter contains many specific, interesting and relevant details about life in the trenches that are accurate and important
Letter is written in the correct format using correct spelling and grammar	Letter is not submitted, is submitted but omits most of the requirements outlined in the assignment guidelines, and contains many spelling and grammar errors	Letter omits important requirements outlined in assignment guidelines and contains many spelling and grammar errors	Letter includes most requirements outlined in assignment guidelines but contains several spelling and grammar errors	Letter includes all requirements outlined in assignment guidelines and is mostly free of spelling and grammar errors	Letter includes all requirements outlined in assignment guidelines and is almost free of spelling and grammar errors

Total: ____/20